

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 35

By Wilder

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Clyde William McCullough, Jr. of Dunedin, Florida, formerly of Nashville.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Clyde William McCullough, Jr., long-time Chief Clerk of the Senate of the Tennessee General Assembly, who retired from public service in 2000 after a sudden illness; and

WHEREAS, Born May 30, 1929 in Nashville, the son of the late Clyde William McCullough, Sr. and Betty Wells McCullough, Clyde attended Duncan Preparatory School and Castle Heights Military Academy; following graduation, he attended The Citadel and George Peabody College for Teachers, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, For many years Mr. McCullough managed McCullough Motorcycle Company, an enterprise established by his father; he completed advanced courses in Business in Hamatsu, Japan in 1965 and 1971, in connection with his motorcycle business. In 1965 and 1971 he was the recipient of the Yamaha International Top Dealership Award; and

WHEREAS, Clyde McCullough was best known to the members and staff of the General Assembly for his role as Chief Clerk; he began as Administrative Assistant to former Lieutenant Governor Frank C. Gorrell in 1971, served as Assistant Chief Clerk of the Senate from 1971-72,

Senate Bill Clerk from 1973-74, Assistant Chief Clerk of the Senate from 1975-76 and Chief Clerk of the Senate from 1977 until his retirement in 2000; he was active in national legislative staff organizations, and served many years on the Mason's Manual Revision Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCullough also served as Chief Clerk of the 1977 Constitutional Convention and served 32 years with the Senate under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Senate John S. Wilder; during his tenure Clyde McCullough won the respect and friendship of the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, as well as the entire legislative staff, for his keen legislative insight, sagacious counsel, unquestioned integrity and pleasant demeanor; and

WHEREAS, Clyde was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner, he was the organizer and charter member of the famed Al Menah Motor Corps, serving as Captain of the precision motorcycle drill team and leading it to the first of many national championships; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCullough was past President of the Southeastern U. S. Shrine Motor Corps Association, past President of the Al Menah Clown Unit, served as Al Menah Potentate's Aide in 1964, and served as Chairman of the 1966 Southeastern U. S. Shrine Convention in Nashville; he was also Co-Chairman of the 1973-74 Davidson County Alumni Campaign for George Peabody College for Teachers; and

WHEREAS, Clyde McCullough was an active and devout member of the Woodmont Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as past President of the Men's Brotherhood and past superintendent of Intermediate Young Peoples' Department; he was also the organizer and former superintendent of Sunday School at Forest Hills Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family, Mr. McCullough enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 53 years, Jackie Elliot McCullough and was the proud parent of daughter and son-in-law Patricia Ann McCullough and Kerry Nowlan and sons and daughters-in-law Clyde McCullough, III and Teena, and Charles Elliott McCullough and Laura; besides his

parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Betty Ann McCullough Keith and brother, Harry Wells McCullough; and

WHEREAS, Clyde McCullough will be dearly missed by grandsons Kerry George Nowlan, Jr., Clyde Elliott Nowlan and Nicholas Daniel Nowlan and granddaughters Natasha Ann McCullough, Danielle Jean McCullough, Sara Jacquelyn McCullough and Molly Elliott McCullough, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends; and

WHEREAS, Clyde McCullough leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors. The great service he rendered to the General Assembly as a whole, the Senate in particular, and the people of Tennessee throughout his career cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Clyde William McCullough, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to his widow, Jackie, and the entire family of Mr. McCullough and convey to them the great sense of loss felt by all members of the General Assembly and its staff who knew and loved him.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.